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R 061432Z APR 78
FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1945
INFO AMCONSUL CAPETOWN
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
USINT HAVANA

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PEPR, BC
SUBJECT: GOB REJECTION OF REPORT OF CUBANS IN BOTSWANA

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

1. APRIL 4 RAND DAILY MAIL REPORTS THAT GOB SECRETARY FOR
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LEBAND MPOTOKWANE REACTED ANGRILY TO REPORT
IN THE AFRIKAANS NEWSPAPER VADERLAND OF APRIL 4 THAT THE
CUBANS HAD ARRIVED IN GABORONE TO ESTABLISH A DIPLOMATIC
MISSION.

2. MPOTOKWANE IS SAID TO HAVE TOLD REPORTERS: "THIS IS
JUST A PIECE OF RUBBISH." HE EMPHASISED HOWEVER THAT IT
WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT CUBA AND BOTSWANA HAD ESTABLISHED
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

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3. HEAD OF SPECIAL BRANCH, DAVID MOPHUTING, TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 6
THERE WAS NO TRUTH TO THE VADERLAND ARTICLE AND SAID WITH SOME
HUMOR: "WE HAVE NOT LOST OUR MINDS."
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